

Agreed to discharge the resolution from the Committee on International Relations. **Pages H10428–29**

**Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the DeLauro motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date. **Pages H10429–34**

Representative Bell announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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**Energy Policy Act of 2003:** Representative Filner announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people. **Page H10428**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003:** The House debated the Becerra motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

**Pages H10434–38**

**Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003:** The House debated the Capps motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. **Pages H10438–43**

Representative Cardoza announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10345, H10384, and H10428.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1132 was referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services; S. 1720 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H10455**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H10458.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **SPECIALTY CROP INDUSTRY—REVIEW DOMESTIC POLICIES AFFECTING**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review domestic policies affecting the specialty crop industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **SUSTAINING GLOBAL COMMITMENTS: IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. FORCES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Sustaining Global Commitments: Implications for U.S. Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; and Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and a public witness.

### **HEALTHSOUTH FINANCIAL COLLAPSE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings entitled "The Financial Collapse of HealthSouth." Testimony was heard from Gregory Wallance, Member, Ad Hoc Advisory Group on the Organizational Sentencing Guidelines, U.S. Sentencing Commission; the following officials of HealthSouth Corporation: Joel Gordon, Acting Chairman, Board of Directors; Robert May, Acting Chief Executive Officer; Sage Givens, Board of Director and Audit Committee Member; and Larry Striplin, Board of Director and former Chairman, Compensation Committee; and public witnesses.

### **REFORMING INSURANCE REGULATION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Reforming Insurance Regulation—Making the Marketplace More Competitive for Consumers." Testimony was heard from Gregory Serio, Superintendent of Insurance, State of New York; and public witnesses.

### **PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a joint hearing entitled "Protecting Homeowners: Preventing Abusive Lending While Preserving Access to Credit." Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

## SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND FOR THE AMERICAS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Case for a Social Investment Fund for the Americas. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 521, Steel Industry National Historic Site Act; H.R. 1798, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act; and H.R. 2693, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2003.

## MERCURY EMISSIONS

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on Mercury Emissions: State of the Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from David Krabbenhoft, Research Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## COMMERCIAL SPACE ACT

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on H.R. 3245, Commercial Space Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BUILDING CAPABILITIES: INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY'S NATIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DIVERSITY

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on Building Capabilities: The Intelligence Community's National Security Requirements for Diversity of Languages, Skills, and Ethnic and Cultural Understanding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper, Jr., USAF (Ret.), Director, Imagery and Mapping Agency; William Black, Deputy Director, NSA; and Armando Rodriguez, Chief, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Employment Opportunity, Defense Intelligence Agency; Don Cryer, Director, Plans and Programs, Community Management Staff, CIA; Peter Teets, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### TAX REFORM

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current tax code system, focusing on academic principles that should guide fundamental tax reform, after receiving testimony from Senator Specter and Representatives Linder and McDermott; Michael J. Boskin, Stanford University

Hoover Institution, Palo Alto, California; Edward J. McCaffery, University of Southern California Law School, Los Angeles; and Cliff Massa III, Patton Boggs LLP, and Robert S. McIntyre, Citizens for Tax Justice, both of Washington, D.C.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1209)

H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004. Signed on October 31, 2003. (Public Law 108–104).

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the Nominations: of Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, Louis S. Thompson, of Maryland, and Robert L. Crandall, of Texas, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine lunar exploration, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. Res. 237, welcoming the public apologies issued by the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia and urging other leaders in the region to perform similar concrete acts of reconciliation, S. Res. 256, observing the 50th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, affirming the deep cooperation and friendship between the people of the United States and the people of the Republic of Korea, and thanking the Republic of Korea for its contributions to the global war on terrorism and to the stabilization and reconstruction of Afghanistan and Iraq, S. 950, to allow travel between the United States and Cuba, S. 1317, to amend the American Servicemember's Protection Act of 2002 to provide clarification with respect to the eligibility of certain countries for United States military assistance, and the nominations of Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan, Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the